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Members who alter or modify any part of their bodies in order to achieve a visible, physical effect that disfigures, deforms or otherwise detracts from a professional military image may be subject to disciplinary action or involuntary separation. Inappropriate body alterations include (but are not limited to) tongue splitting or forking, tooth filing and acquiring visible disfiguring skin implants (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)

News Briefs

Vehicle maintenance reminder

Conduct major personal-owned vehicle maintenance only at specified locations. The Army, Air Force Exchange Service car care center, located in building 222, and the 52nd Services Squadron Auto Skills and Development Center in building 189 are the only acceptable locations for such vehicle maintenance. At these locations, people can perform oil changes, battery removal and installation, brake changes, antifreeze changes, transmission oil changes, etc. Minor maintenance such as tire changing may still be performed in resident parking areas. Car washing in military family housing or government-leased housing areas is prohibited.

Gate closures

- ♦ Effective immediately, the Army, Air Force Exchange Services gate behind the Bitburg Annex BX and adjacent to the temporary living facility will be closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic until further notice. Call Master Sgt. Todd Nappe at 452-7843 for details.
- ♦ The Spangdahlem AB main gate will be closed Aug. 11 through Sept. 4. The old main gate will be open during this period for 24-hour installation entry and exit. Traffic control signage will be posted at the old main gate, giving priority to incoming traffic. The old contractor gate between the Binsfeld and Speicher/ Herforst traffic circle will be open for the 6-8 a.m. morning rush. For more information call Staff Sgt. Joseph Quevedo, SABER project manager, at 452-6847.

Traffic changes

- ♦ The Repair Fairchild and Maxwell Blvd. project is underway now through the end of October. Traffic flow is one-way near the Burger King intersection and will change to the opposite direction one-way from the Burger King intersection to the chapel intersection beginning Sept. 5. Parking in front of designated buildings will be restricted from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Notices will be posted on affected buildings and vehicles two days prior. For more information, call the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron construction management office at 452-7214.

Top 3 meeting

The monthly Top 3 meeting and barbecue is scheduled for Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the base pavilion. The alternate site will be the Brick House in case of inclement weather. Guest speakers will be Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. James Kelly, the new 52nd FW command chief master sergeant.

Housing contest

The Spangdahlem AB housing office will conduct a Balcony and Yard of the Month program for all five housing areas. Balcony and yard judging takes place Monday and will be based on overall neatness and appearance. Call the housing office at 452-7944 for details.

Divine city

From confections to cathedrals, check out the nearby city of Cologne for a sweet time.

Read "Cologne attracts visitors from around the world," on Page 7

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Airman 1st Class Heather Forrest

Fini flight folly

Maj. Gen. Charles Simpson, U.S. Air Forces in Europe director of operations, is held down by 22nd Fighter Squadron pilots 1st Lts. Chauncy Krol and Matthew Speer and Capt. Tad Clark. General Simpson gets hosed down as part of his traditional final flight here Wednesday.

IEA projects are now reality at Spang

By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Installation Excellence Award scorecard has been a mainstay in the Eifel Times in recent months. Now wing members can enjoy the tangible results represented in the updates.

Funds for a number of base improvements were allotted when Spangdahlem Air Base won the 2002 and 2003 Commander-in-Chief Installation Excellence competition at U.S. Air Forces in Europe-level and garnered \$500,000 for each win.

Wing officials assigned coordinators to 11 selected projects. A few of the more significant undertakings included the development of the Brick House, the hardened aircraft shelter crew shacks and the pavilion improvements.

The Brick House is a state-of-the-art entertainment depot developed through Combat CHEER, an initiative designed to boost and maintain Airman morale. The Brick House provides Airmen with free pool table usage, Xbox play, darts and a variety of live entertainment.

"We undertook a huge project, and our goal was to show the customers we were really focused on a top-notch facility," said Eddy Mentzer, former Youth Services director. "We did not want a glorified day-room, but something loosely based on the adult entertainment venues in the states."

Mr. Mentzer noted that with the amount of work completed, the establishment opened very quickly.

"I think we exceeded everyone's expectations, and that is really evident in the praise we have received from Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, and Dr. James Roche, Secretary of the Air Force," added Mr. Mentzer. "In

IEA Scorecard

Project	Coordinator	Percent complete
Brick House	Eddy Mentzer	100
Jet Blast Inn AFN decoder	Tech. Sgt. Sean Applegate	100
Honor Guard uniforms	Tech. Sgt. Randall Reno	100
Billeting laptops	Master Sgt. Fred Ayers	100
Loaner transformers	Gertrude Cochran	100
Coffee Mill improvements	Capt. Glenn Gresham	100
Batting cages	Mandy Baerman	100
Bus shelter improvements	Tech. Sgt. Michael Smith	100
HAS mezzanine	Master Sgt. John Murphy	100
HAS crew shacks	Master Sgt. John Murphy	100
Pavilion improvements	Udo Stuermer	100

eight months, we turned an empty room into a showcase for the Air Force."

The pavilion improvements project, for example, provides a covered multi-purpose ball field for various sport activities during inclement weather conditions, said Udo Stuermer, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron engineering flight chief. Mr. Stuermer added the project was ambitious, with several proposals having been presented to the wing before the final version was selected and built.

"The actual design was done, but the location of the facility was actually changed from the Bitburg Annex to Spangdahlem Air Base," Mr. Stuermer said.

By June 2003, the design was complete and by June 2004, the project was complete, Mr. Stuermer said.

The 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron took on two projects, one for the construction of mezzanines and the other for the purchase of 43 new crew shacks to be used in the flightline's hardened aircraft shelters.

"Our squadron was very satisfied with the end result of both projects," said

Master Sgt. John Murphy, 52nd AMXS squadron facilities manager. "The ultimate goal was to have all of the hardened aircraft shelters completely renovated and restored with working showering facilities for all three aircraft maintenance units."

Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, credited the persistence and cooperation of numerous individuals and agencies in successfully completing all the IEA projects in less than three years.

"It took the involvement of nearly everyone in the wing to not only give us a vision, but to carry that out," Colonel Mueller said. "Most improvements became a reality during the tours of the people here now. That's really impressive and shows why we earned the money in the first place."

He also shared his vision for how new projects will fit into Spangdahlem AB's evolving mission.

"I think we'll be contenders again in future IEA competitions, and I expect the winnings from that to be used for new projects and improvements on our current projects," the commander said.

# Team Eifel broadcaster takes TJ award for radio show

Story and photos by  
Senior Airman Amaani Lyle  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Go figure that a slightly disarrayed desk adorned with a Sacramento Kings bobble head and an assortment of books -- one titled "Jerks at Work" -- belongs to a man who just won the highest award the Department of Defense has to offer in his field.

Tech. Sgt. Chris Eder, former Detachment 9, Armed Forces News producer, permanently changes station from Spangdahlem Air Base to Langley Air Force Base, Va., July 31 with perhaps his most significant tote: the Department of Defense-bestowed Thomas Jefferson Award given for professional excellence across all branches of the military.

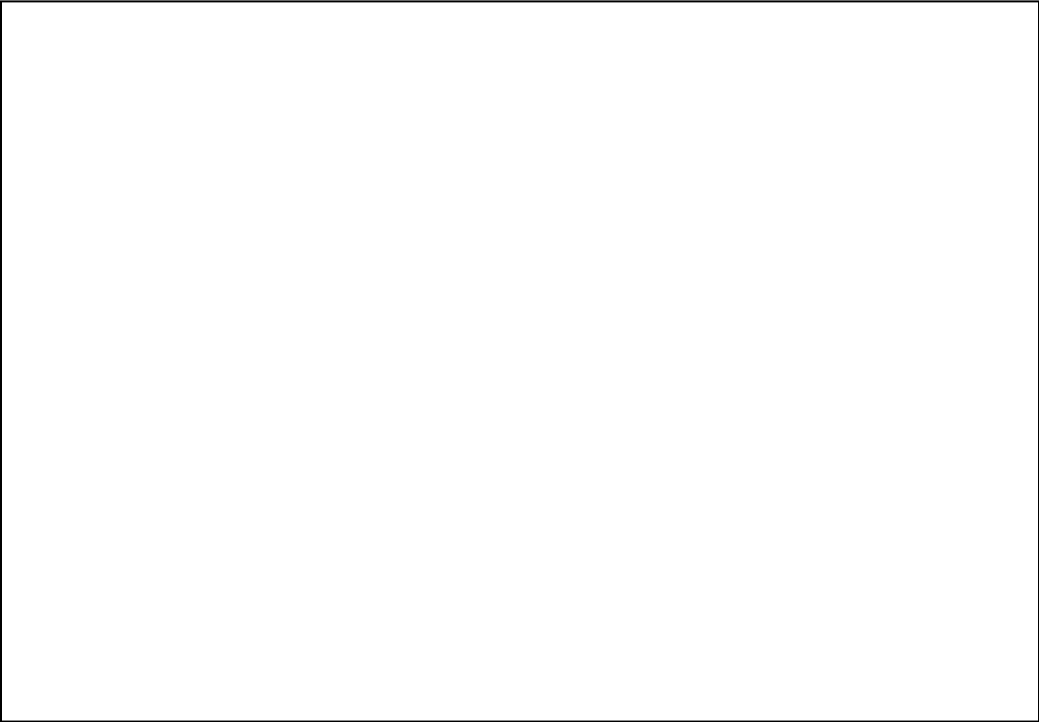
"I tried so hard to have a 'radio personality' name and to customize the material to what the judges wanted," Sergeant Eder said.

Hence came the inception of the "Bob and Kasbah Show" on Freedom Radio 107.7 in Baghdad last year. Sergeant Eder took on the airwaves with fellow broadcaster Tech. Sgt. Bob Herron, AFN Detachment 10, Yokota Air Base, Japan. Although the pair was originally deployed in October to set up the broadcast operations detachment there, they were on-air by December and pulled only six four-hour shifts over the course of a month.

Their subsequent win attests to the fact that a month was long enough to get the TJ judges' attention and also garner first place in the National Association of Government Communicators. Sergeant Eder added that he also took years of judges' past critiques and designed a show around their feedback.

"The TJ is given for a number of factors," Sergeant Eder said. "They critique the style of sequences, what you say, how you say it, and most importantly, how well you can integrate command information into an entertaining show."

Sergeant Eder notes command information is paramount in a hostile environment where



**Tech. Sgt. Chris Eder, former AFN Detachment 9 news producer, peruses a song list during one of his radio shows. The broadcaster was stationed here for five years and now moves on to Langley Air Force Base, Va., to help develop the Pentagon Channel.**

entertainment is routinely bundled with daily survival. He recounted graphic stories in which he was able to put his role as a radio personality into perspective.

"I escorted a woman who had her arm blown off at the Al Rasheed Hotel in Baghdad," the NCO said about a bombing the day before Ramadan, a month of prayer and fasting for more than a billion Muslims. "There were countless near misses as we returned from Mosul, and we lost three military members to a mortar attack at the front door."

Sergeant Eder described his night missions reporting mortar attacks as "just as scary as the media portrays it to be."

"If you have no fear at all, you'll die," he said.

Now out of imminent danger, Sergeant Eder said his goals are set to bring fresh ideas to the

production house he will join at Langley AFB with the onset of Air Combat Command's new Pentagon Channel.

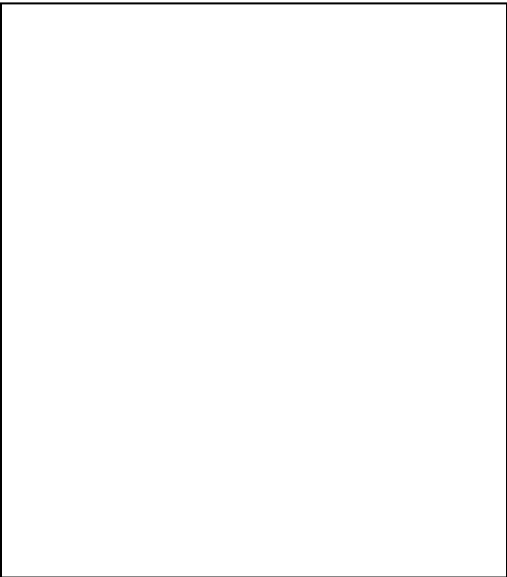
He added the nature of his work keeps him focused and undaunted in such a high-profile position.

"The people you get to meet in this position are void of rank, we have the ability to converse with four-star generals or a wing commander or an Airman -- and many of them love what they do in the military," he said.

Sergeant Eder said he shares their sentiment, despite the rigors of the job.

"The job is difficult; you have to be reporters, spot producers, editors, videographers and more," he said.

In the longer term, Sergeant Eder said he plans to gain civilian Air Force employment upon retirement and eventually add to his



**Sergeant Eder said he has no difficulties ad-libbing during his radio shows. He also likes to get listeners involved by letting them call in and banter with him.**

Community College of the Air Force degree with a bachelor's degree in English.

Armed with plans, alternate plans and innovative ideas, the puckish broadcaster seems to make a lasting impression wherever he goes.

"Sergeant Eder was one of the first people I met when I got to Germany," said Senior Airman Courtney Donaldson, AFN Det. 9 broadcaster. "I remember thinking, 'This is going to be an interesting tour.' I could always count on him for comic relief, and he'll be taking a piece of this place with him when he goes. That piece will be missed."

Fun and games aside, Sergeant Eder said he will not let the TJ award win cause him to rest on his laurels, though he admitted the victory has had a strong impact on his life.

"I don't want to call it the pinnacle of my career because I'm constantly adding goals, but the TJ in radio was something I'd been working on since day one," Sergeant Eder said. "My goal was to get it, I got it and I was blown away."

## Wing officials release central base, large unit board below-the-zone results

Staff reports

Spangdahlem Air Base officials recently announced the following Airmen who have been selected for below-the-zone promotion to senior airmen. The list contains both centrol base and large-unit board selectees.

**Senior Airmen Shane Andrlik**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Jeffrey Campbell**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; David Dixon, 23rd Fighter Squadron; **Eric Fontanilla**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Murrah Fowler**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Michael Furse**, 52nd LRS; **Kristen Grove**, 52nd Communications Squadron; **Collin Heine**, 52nd AMXS; **Judy Knowlton**, 606th Air Control Squadron; **Hyun Lee**, 52nd EMS; **Jared Martinez**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **Shaun Merrill**, 52nd LRS; **Kristy Molinar**, 606th ACS; Scott Morin, 52nd EMS; **Ryan Naputi**, 52nd AMXS; **Kenneth Nolan**, 52nd CES; **Deborah Overly**, 52nd AMXS; **Amanda Pelley**, 52nd AMXS; **Ashanti Richardson**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; **Ryan Smith**, 52nd AMXS; **Anthony Storey**, 52nd Comptroller Squadron; **Ladonna Stuart**, 52nd SFS; **William Vargas**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; **Camelia Walker**, 52nd CS; **Joshua Willingham**, 52nd EMS; **Dustin Wilson**,

## USAFE Airman Information File July 2004

Air Expeditionary Force -- Be Prepared

Six years ago the Air Force created Air Expeditionary Force packages to rapidly deploy air and space power anywhere in the world. The AEF concept has proven itself repeatedly during Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM -- improving predictability and stability while getting our Airmen to the fight. Despite success with our Air and Space Expeditionary Force, two significant changes were needed to meet the demands of ongoing operations around the world. First, the new baseline deployment for the AEF increased from 90 to 120 days. This provides increased continuity to our deployed commanders who require the steady and stable expertise you bring to the fight.

The second change is to expand the number of Airmen available for AEF deployments. USAFE has already instituted measures to increase our available pool from 83% to 97%.

Today 1,176 USAFE Airmen are deployed in many different AORs from Afghanistan, to Iraq, to Africa while others are executing the fight from home. You are doing a great job and we thank you for your sacrifices. However, the work is not finished -- we must continue to press ahead! Increased predictability and stability for our Airmen are key benefits of the AEF, but only if you take advantage of the time you have. Now is the time to prepare for your next AEF deployment:

Prepare your family. There are many things you can do ahead of time to make deployments less stressful on the family: get your finances in order and maintain up to date family records in a central location, to name a few.

Ensure your training is current. Know what training is required and complete it on time. The last thing you want to do on your way out the door is spend time accomplishing overdue training.

Maintain a high degree of physical fitness. It's tough to deploy and accomplish the mission if you're physically run down or even worse on the sidelines sick. Fit to fight are words to live by.

We are all expeditionary Airmen serving in the world's premier Air Force. AEF is more than a concept; it's our way of life. Be prepared and stay vigilant!

  
General Doc Foglesong

"Bring Your Courage"

  
CMSgt Gary Coleman



Top Saber  
Performer

**Name:** Staff Sgt. Melissa Bateman  
**Unit:** 52nd Fighter Wing Protocol Office  
**Duty title:** 52nd FW Protocol NCOIC  
**Hometown:** Bourne, Mass.  
**Years in Service:** Nine  
**Nominee’s contributions to 52nd FW mission success:** Prior to Sergeant Bateman’s selection as NCOIC of Protocol, she was assigned to the 52nd Mission Support Squadron, Casualty Office. Sergeant Bateman has performed superbly as the NCOIC of Protocol for the past three months. In one month, she has single-handedly supported the

wing through seven squadron changes of command, one group change of command and three distinguished visitor office calls while the protocol chief was on temporary-duty assignment. She has aggressively been working on the wing commander’s change of command and farewell reception as well. **Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** I would like to complete my bachelor’s degree while I’m stationed here. **What do you do for fun?** I like to bike ride. **What do you like most about being stationed here?** The travel opportunities are the best thing about being stationed here. **What’s one thing you’d like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?** I would combine the Child Development Centers and replace the playground sand.

Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Wing lauds new NCOA grads

Staff Reports

The 52nd Fighter Wing congratulates the following members who graduated from the Kisling NCO Academy Thursday at Vogelweh Air Base, Germany.

**Tech. Sgts. Christopher Allen,** 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; **John Barber II,** 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Scott Borelle,** 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Todd Borger,** 702nd Munitions Maintenance Squadron; **Chad Chauvin,** 52nd CMS; **Jerome Cooper,**

52nd AMXS; **Jonathan Crain,** 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Joseph Daniels,** 52nd LRS; **Michael Denoncour,** 52nd CMS; **Erik Forestell,** 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **Lane Goodnough,** 52nd CMS; **Norman Hill III,** 52nd EMS; **Dennis Kuhn,** 52nd EMS; **Jesse Merrill,** 52nd EMS; **John Muniz,** 52nd EMS; **Jacob Peetz,** 52nd CES; **Michael Phillips,** 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Glenn Shelton,** 52nd CES; **James Shown,** 702nd MUNSS; **Joseph Springfield,** 52nd Communications Squadron; **Helen**

MXG announces award winners

Staff reports

The 52nd Fighter Wing recently held its annual Gen. Lew Allen award boards. **Master Sgt. Timothy Peasley,** 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, senior NCO and **Capt. Joseph Banks,** 52nd AMXS, officer, won in their respective categories.

The 52nd Maintenance Group recently held its 2004 Lance P. Sijan award boards. The following individuals earned the title of winner in their respective categories: **Master Sgt. Scott Holland,** 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, junior-enlisted; **Senior Master Sgt. Johannes Meischke,** 52nd AMXS, senior-enlisted; **1st Lt. Phillip Olson,** 52nd AMXS, junior officer; and **Maj. Jacqueline Mongeon,** 52nd Maintenance

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

He’s got the power ... **Senior Airman Brian Splain** was instrumental in the power production section’s installation of replacement textile aircraft arresting system components after a F-16 in-flight emergency engagement. Getting the brush from **Bernie Lersch** is a good thing -- as foreman at the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron paint shop, he keeps Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex facilities looking great. He also makes the “signs of the times” with traffic directional markers that keep the base functioning smoothly. His efforts were key to the unit’s selection in 2003 Curtin Awards. **Senior Airman James Buffin** is the postal guy who delivers. He has an extremely positive attitude, which serves him well when dealing with customers and co-workers. He’s loaded with energy and gets the “stamp” of approval and a salute. Think FAST for **Staff Sgt. Victoria Collins,** who assisted 125 members in filing their FAST travel vouchers upon return from Maple Flag and Combat Hammer. She ensured those Team Eifel warriors were paid in three days. We can’t hide the fact that **Staff Sgts. Shirley Quevedo** and **Mary Anne Reyes** deserve a salute for their significant volunteer contributions as U.S. Air Forces in Europe Hidden Heroes.

52nd Operations Group

We’re having a field day saluting **Tech. Sgts. Guadalupe Vasquez, Touynda Smith** and **Christopher Kelley; Senior Airmen Kimberly Mackey** and **Wendy Clark** and

**Airman 1st Class Christopher Gerard,** who volunteered at Spangdahlem Elementary School’s annual field day and ensured it was one to remember. It’s life, liberty and the “salute of happiness”

for the 23rd Fighter Squadron life support section -- **Tech. Sgts. Shannon Miller** and **Christopher Kelley; Senior Airman Anthony Davis** and **Airman 1st Class Christopher Gerard** worked hard to support the assigned pilots and three incentive flyers a day.

52nd Medical Group

Parting was far more sweet than sorrow thanks to **Lt. Col. Billy Cecil, Capt. Jeff Autrey, Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Richardson** and **Staff Sgt. Herbert Tucker** who did an awesome job for the 52nd Medical Group commander’s farewell. It’s safe to say that **Airman 1st Class Justin Safley** is fit as a fiddle – he scored a 100 percent on his fitness test and achieved the fastest run time in the 52nd Medical Operations Squadron.

Eifel community

Say cheese for **Doug Russell,** who “snapped” to it to help a public affairs staffer get a last minute shot of a recent top saber performer at the Bitburg hospital. His quick thinking helped ensure a Team Eifel member got the recognition she deserved.

*Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!*  
(Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)

Top Saber Team

**Unit name:** Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Detachment 518  
**A brief description of unit responsibilities:** The team is the focal point for all major criminal, fraud and counterintelligence matters in support of the 52nd Fighter Wing and its geographically-separated units.  
**Number of members:** More than 20  
**How does the team fit into the 52nd FW’s mission?**

AFOSI helps the

wing maintain mission readiness by resolving crimes committed by or against military members. Investigations are thorough and impartial, proving an individual did or did not commit the crime they were accused of. AFOSI is also a crucial component in providing information for important force protection decisions for Spangdahlem Air Base, GSUs and at deployed locations. AFOSI also conducts background investigations, allowing Air Force members to obtain required security clearances.

**Team’s other contributions through the year?** The team was named USAFE’s AFOSI Large Detachment of the Year for 2003. AFOSI Det. 518 solved a number of felony level allegations this year. Multiple individuals were also exonerated as AFOSI proved they did not commit the crime with which they were accused. The detachment solved multiple death investigations, traveling to the US to personally brief case results to grieving families. The detachment also conducted more than 600 security clearance investigations, ensuring mission readiness. AFOSI Det. 518 has been a key player and protector to Team Eifel.

# Manpower, personnel functions merge

By 1st Lt. Elaine Larson  
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Manpower, personnel and education and training functions merged and re-aligned under mission support squadrons at installations throughout the Air Force July 1.

Spangdahlem Air Base's 52nd Fighter Wing Manpower Office will move under the 52nd MSS in August.

"The merger is a Secretary of the Air Force vision aimed at improving the management and development of our most valuable resource -- people," said 2nd Lt. Douglas Huttenlocker, 52nd FW/MO.

"Manpower and personnel have been separate disciplines throughout the Air Force's history," said Col. Douglas Bell, Air Education and Training Command's manpower and organization chief. "Merging them will provide cradle-to-grave processes for human resource management."

As part of the re-alignment, the 52nd MSS will now be responsible for both manpower and personnel actions, Colonel Bell said. Lieutenant Huttenlocker said this should be a seamless transition.

"Spangdahlem Air Base has been ahead of the game with the merger," said Lieutenant Huttenlocker. "Our relationship with the MSS, education and training and the civilian personnel office is already outstanding, and together, we are poised to offer commanders and supervisors every tool to effectively manage the development of their people."

"The new organization will better align both military and civilian resources with man-

power requirements for mission accomplishment," said Colonel Bell.

"In addition to merging organizationally, this initiative also combines manpower and personnel career fields at the officer and chief enlisted manager levels," explained Lieutenant Huttenlocker. "Over time, the career breadth of these senior leaders will make them force development experts and further improve our ability to vector skilled 'faces' to critical 'spaces'."

Throughout the Air Force, the mission support squadron commands are now the single point of contact, ensuring the effective development of Airmen.

"The increased emphasis on force development demands a better linkage between manpower requirement determination and resource development and employment," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, in a program Action Directive.

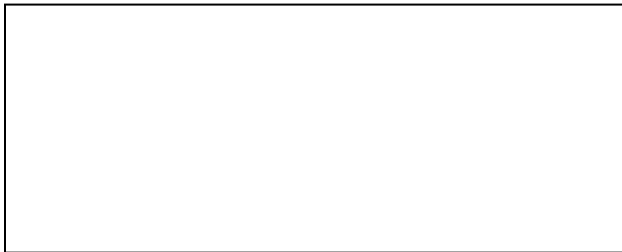
Currently, people in separate Air Force specialties manage the three functions.

"Unfortunately, actions often happen within the separate stovepipes that hinder their overall efficiency," said the directive.

The merger may involve a physical move to mission support squadron locations, but should otherwise be invisible to the customer, said Bill Friday, the deputy chief AETC's manpower and organization.

The only change at Spangdahlem AB will be organizational, with manpower moving from a flight on the wing staff to a flight in the MSS, said Lieutenant Huttenlocker.

(Localization by Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura)



By Edna Sugatan  
52nd Medical Support Squadron

## DUIs, inattentive driving cause of 19 accidents

By D. A. Barker  
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Fourteen days after the last DUI, Team Eifel members were involved in two DUIs and 19 car crashes last week -- five were major accidents.

The first major accident, a DUI, was caused by a master sergeant who, after drinking at Kastel's, totaled his Jeep on B-50. His breath test, taken shortly after the wreck, produced a 0.148 blood alcohol level.

The second DUI happened in the Speicher housing area. The airman first class's blood was taken at the Bitburg Annex emergency room.

The second major crash happened at Saar Strasse in Bitburg. A senior airman was hit by another car that failed to yield. It caused major damage to the Airman's auto but no medical attention was required.

The third crash involved speeding and hydroplaning. An airman first class on A-60 hit the guard rail and damaged his vehicle. Security Forces arrived on-the-scene and issued a ticket to the Airman.

The fourth crash was adjacent to the main gate. An airman first class

slammed on her breaks and swerved to miss an animal. The vehicle was damaged.

The last major crash was on B-50, just past the Albach Muhle Hotel. A staff sergeant and his wife were in their vehicle when they were hit head-on by an oncoming motorist. The sergeant and his wife were transported to the local Krankenhaus with injuries. This crash is under investigation.

There were 14 minor accidents last week. Two were for speeding, one in a parking lot, three from improper backing-up, five from inattentive driving,

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Col. Stephen Mueller

Accessing Direct Line

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July  
Sortie  
Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	694	197	-3
A-10	333	91	+9

\*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

Through July 12

Courtesy of the  
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# Viewpoint

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## Productivity

# Unproductive work relationships create negative domino effect

By Cinni Youngblood  
52nd Fighter Wing Civilian Complaints of Discrimination

What a privilege it is to work in an environ-  
ment comprised of people with different  
backgrounds, cultures and beliefs.

However, working in this unique military envi-  
ronment emphasizes greater responsibility on each  
and every individual to treat people fairly, with  
respect and with dignity.

Imagine having a job you dreaded going to each  
day because the working environment was quite  
challenging -- co-workers who work side by side,  
daring to say, "good-morning" to each other.

Now Murphy's Law has shown its ugliest face.  
The one person you could not get a long with has  
just been promoted to the next grade or rank. And  
now, there's a good chance of you having to call  
them, sir or ma'am, Ouch!

Unproductive working relationships have a domi-  
no effect, and what hasn't fallen is barely standing,  
including the mission.

It's said, "If you're not part of the solution,  
you're part of the problem." How do you know if  
you are the problem? How do you know if you are  
promoting an effective working environment? Ask  
yourself these questions.

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- ♦ Does my behavior contribute to work output  
and mission accomplishment?
- ♦ Could my behavior offend or hurt other mem-  
bers of the work group?
- ♦ Could my behavior send out signals that invite  
inappropriate behavior by others?
- ♦ Do I treat people equally regardless of race,  
gender, religion, etc.?
- ♦ Do I really listen when someone tries to tell me  
something I do not want to hear?
- ♦ Do people feel comfortable being honest with  
me?
- ♦ Could someone misinterpret my behavior as  
intentionally harmful or harassing?

## Appreciation

# Spangdahlem: A life changing experience for Team Eifel members

By Russel Robinson  
Eifel Times reader

My name is Russel "Rusty" Robinson, and  
I was stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base  
from 1985-1988. I was an 18-year old with  
the world as my oyster when I arrived on  
base. At the time, I had no idea the impact  
that three short years in Germany would have  
on my life. This is what I learned as a Team  
Eifel member:

♦ This is the time of your life. It was not  
all a bed of roses; this was my first long-term  
separation from family, friends and Florida  
weather. But this time forged a new independ-  
ence and interdependence for me. I made new  
friends, and many people were like family.  
The adventures and misadventures have now  
turned into stories that are still so vivid, I can  
almost smell the JP4 jet fuel in the air.

♦ Take advantage. I remember looking at  
the tours and trips available; I realize I should  
have gone on every one I could possibly  
afford. The places I did see still hold great  
interest, and they hold the interest of everyone  
I tell them about.

♦ You're a guest. Even if you never  
become fluent, learn some German. I realized  
early on in my tour that I was a guest in  
someone else's country and that I needed to  
respect European cultures and traditions.

♦ Be careful. I saw too many young lives

# A life changing experience for Team Eifel members

become statistics. I was nearly killed in an  
off-base motorcycle accident, and the accident  
was totally my fault. I had thousands of miles  
of experience on a bike and, to this day, I  
remember shifting my bike into fifth gear and  
waking up 30 minutes later in someone's  
barn. As a firefighter, I saw my first dead per-  
son on a road outside Binsfeld. As I pulled the  
sheet over this young Airman, I just kept  
thinking that somewhere back in the states,  
his parents were having a normal day, and  
soon, that normal day would be shattered by a  
couple of visitors who would start with, "We  
regret to inform you ...". Remember, your life  
is precious to others.

♦ People will be changed. When people  
return from their tour, they will be different --  
better people. Whether people are "four-and-  
out" or "a lifer," there will always be a soft  
spot in them for Spangdahlem AB and  
Germany. The Air Force alters Airmen  
beyond what they could possibly know. Those  
who serve become leaders, become resource-  
ful, know the meaning of teamwork and have  
some of the fondest memories of their lives.

I returned to the base in May and was  
astonished by the amount of building and  
change that had occurred. What had not  
changed was the dedication and sacrifice of  
the men and women who day-in and day-out  
serve our country. I salute you all.

## Direct Line

### Playrooms

Concern: After arriving at Spangdahlem Air Base,  
my wife and I were happy to hear about the open-  
ing of a children's playroom on the  
"Spang" side. We have now been on station for more  
than one year and wonder if there have been changes or  
were we just misinformed about the location of the play-  
room. If applicable, please be sure to inform us of the  
changes to include dates for the future opening of a chil-  
dren's playroom at Spangdahlem.

Response: Thanks for your interest in a children's  
play area. We were originally going to put another  
operation similar to the Bitburg Play House in  
the ballroom of the old Spang Club. However, we re-  
looked the needs of the community and decided against  
this idea because of market demographics and other  
available opportunities. We have a plan in the works to  
consider an operation similar to a gaming place, where  
children and families can relax and have fun -- similar  
to those in the States. We've done the initial field work  
and looked over Vogelweh's Kid's Zone and other similar  
operations to see how we could adapt this type of opera-  
tion to best suit the Spangdahlem AB community. We  
have a list of equipment and furniture items required for  
implementation and are in the process of running a  
financial analysis and a survey. We need to ensure this  
makes good business sense and meets the needs of Team  
Eifel. Based on those results, we will determine which  
way to proceed and will establish timelines (if imple-  
mented) within 30 days. (There is a poll on the intranet  
asking people if their family would use a "Kid Zone"  
type operation, located in the old Spangdahlem AB Club  
ballroom in Peter's Restaurant).



## Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days  
before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.

### Technology expo

The Spangdahlem AB Technology Exposition takes place Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club Eifel. There will be 35 exhibitors on hand to demonstrate the latest computer hardware, software and services. Complimentary refreshments and free giveaways will be available. The event is free. E-mail Sarah Hill at hill@ncsievents.com for details.

### Safety news

- ♦ The Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in front of Hangar I and II.
  - ♦ People 26-years old and younger who have been at Spangdahlem AB for six months must attend a mandatory Course II refresher July 27 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the base theater.
- Contact the 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office at 452-7233 for more information.

### Family support news

- All classes meet at Spangdahlem AB, building 307, unless otherwise noted. Call 452-6422 for details.
- ♦ Monday, 9-10:30 a.m., Transition Assistance Program, Bitburg Annex, building 2001
  - ♦ Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pre-deployment Briefings; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 10 Steps to Federal Jobs, Bitburg Annex, building 2001; 6-10 p.m., Great Expectations
  - ♦ Thursday, 8-9 a.m., German Bills Made Easy
  - ♦ July 23, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Train Trip to Trier

### Java Joint closure

The Java Joint, located on Bitburg Annex, building 2012, closed Thursday; however, the Play House in building 2012 remains open. Call Deb Willey at 452-6767 for details.

### Lumpia sale

The Phillipino-American committee holds a Lumpia sale July 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Spangdahlem AB chapel. Lumpia is a deep-fried Philippine egg roll with a mix of ground beef and/or pork, vegetables and spices. Prices are \$1 per



Nichole Gonzalez

### With honors

**2nd Lt. Brian Cooper, Spangdahlem Air Base Honor Guard commander, leads the 52nd Fighter Wing color guard and troop formation past a reviewing stand in Ettelbruck, Luxembourg, Sunday during the 60th anniversary of the city's liberation by Allied forces from the Nazis during World War II. Among those in the reviewing stand were his Royal Highness the Grand-Duke of Luxembourg Henri Guillaume; Peter Terpeluk Jr., U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg; Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd FW commander; Col. Thomas Groznik, 52nd FW vice-commander and other senior civilian and military officials.**

lumpia; \$5 for a combination plate, featuring three lumpia and fried rice and \$10 for 15 uncooked lumpia. Pre-orders are accepted until Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Call Staff Sgt. Rafael Villanis at 452-8149 or Staff Sgt. Anne Reyes at 452-6911 to pre-order. Orders will be ready for pick up at the chapel July 30 at 11:30 a.m.

### Bitburg Elementary School

Registration for students in grades kindergarten through fourth is going on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to

3:30 p.m. at BES. All military members are required to register children who are school-age. Call Mary Marchand at 452-9215 for more information.

### AA meeting

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place every Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Spangdahlem AB, building 2015. AA is a fellowship of men and women who share their experiences to help others recover from alcoholism. Call 06561-946479 for details.

## Chapel Services

For information regarding on- and off-base chapel services, call the chapel office at 452-6711/6281. To get in contact with a chaplain after duty hours, call the Command Post at 452-6141 (06565-616141).

### Single/Unaccompanied Members

A free, barbecue dinner for single Airmen and unaccompanied military members takes place Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Spangdahlem Air Base chapel. This month's meal is prepared by the Spangdahlem Spouses Enlisted Members Club. Call Birgit Schuh at 452-6771/6281 for details.

### OCF Bible studies

Officer's Christian Fellowship meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Coffee Mill, located at Spangdahlem AB, building 139. There are free coffee and snacks for people interested in reading and learning Scripture. Contact 2nd Lt. Rueben Amador

## Club Eifel Happenings

The following events take place in Club Eifel. Call 452-6090 for more information.

### Congratulations ...

**William Herb** missed out on \$150, and **Senior Airman Alex Kruhlinski** lost his claim to \$375 last week at the weekly club member drawing. The pot keeps growing! Winner must be present, or the cash carries over to the following week. **Master Sgt. John Collier** was the \$100 winner of the Club Eifel's Hot Food n' Cold Cash.

*Club Eifel's lunch buffet will be closed today for an official function. Come out and enjoy their new Tri-Continent buffet next Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

### Today

❑ Red Hot Fridays -- Enjoy a free burger buffet for members from 5-7 p.m. while a DJ plays a variety of hits from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. **ECL:** The commander's social starts at 5 p.m.

### Wednesday

❑ Ladies Night features NiteLife Entertainment from 6-10 p.m. Ladies get half off all drinks.

### Thursday

❑ Bring the whole family for a kiddie disco at Family Fun Night from 5-8 p.m. There will be door prizes, a video theater, free balloons and a bouncy castle. There will also be an adult's buffet and a children's buffet. Cost is \$5.95 for adults and \$2.95 for children ages 6-12 for members and \$8.95 for adults and \$4.95 for ages 6-12 for non-members.

## Der Markt

### Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The *Eifel Times* staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through July 22. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at [www.afees.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.afees.com/ems/default.asp).

Bitburg Castle

Today  
*Day After Tomorrow* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)  
In this special-effects packed movie, an abrupt climate change has cataclysmic consequences for the entire planet.

*Connie and Carla* (PG-13, 10 p.m.)  
Two Chicago dinner theater performers witness a mafia hit, go on the run and go undercover as drag queens.

Saturday  
*Johnson Family Vacation* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)  
Nate’s family heads to Missouri for a big family reunion, but getting there is just short of a nightmare.

*Day After Tomorrow* (9:30 p.m.)

Sunday  
*Day After Tomorrow* (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday  
*Day After Tomorrow* (4 p.m.)

*The Punisher* (7 p.m.)  
FBI agent, Castle, moves into a desk job, but his family is executed after witnessing a mafia hit, and he seeks revenge.

Thursday  
*Johnson Family Vacation* (7 p.m.)

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today  
*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (PG, 7 p.m.)  
A dangerous mass murderer, Sirius Black, has escaped Azkaban prison, and there’s only one thing he wants -- Harry. Harry learns the disturbing story of Black, along with more of his own history.

*Kill Bill Vol. 2* (R, 10 p.m.)  
There were five on her list -- now there are three. O-Ren Ishii and Vernita Green were the first to fall, now The Bride is out to finish the job by killing the rest.

Saturday  
*Ella Enchanted* (PG, 7 p.m.)  
Ella was born with the “gift” of absolute obedience, which threatens to keep her away from her true love. She sets out on a journey to rid herself of the curse.

*Kill Bill Vol. 2* (10 p.m.)

Sunday  
*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (4 p.m.)

*Envy* (7 p.m.)  
A lifelong friendship goes down the tubes when a hapless schmo becomes rich from an invention, and his neighbor is driven insane with envy and proceeds to wage war on him.

Monday  
*Ella Enchanted* (7 p.m.)

Tuesday  
*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Cathedrals, museums ... chocolate?

Cologne attracts visitors from around the world

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

One German town offers the chance to see where chocolate bunnies come from and the chance to upward spiral to the top of one of the most ecclesiastical buildings in the world.

Through a tour with Information, Tickets and Tours, people can visit Cologne’s chocolate factory to see the evolution of chocolate and get to sample from the chocolate fountain. After teasing the tastebuds, travel to Cologne’s famous Cathedral.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people go to Cologne to see the world-famous Dom, or Cathedral -- the largest of its kind in Germany. Enjoy its overwhelming dimensions: interior length 468 feet, width 145 feet, height over central aisle 140 feet and height of the spires 510 feet. Enjoy the unsurpassed harmony of the different sectors of the building, the impressive unity of the Gothic design and the massive vastness of the interior as a whole.

This type of edifice with the twin spires; the cross-shaped lay-out with main aisle; transept; the chancel, or the space around the alter for clergy or the choir; gallery and the group of seven chapels is in direct relation to North French cathedrals.

The Cologne Cathedral; however, was not entirely completed in the Middle Ages. The chancel was built between 1248 and 1320. The south tower had been built up to a height of 160 feet by about the year 1400. By the middle of the 16th century, the transept and central nave had grown to a height of between 48 and 60 feet. From 1842 to 1880, the further sections were added to this gigantic torso.

In spite of its massive monumentality, the building does not appear so weightily as it really is. In order to comprehend this, it must be borne in mind that a single boos stone in the high nave has a weight of nearly two tons.

Highlighting these stones are figures from the 1360 to 1380 period on the outside of St. Peter’s Door on the west front of the Cathedral. In the interior, the choir stalls still have the original adornments from the time when the Cathedral was built -- mainly about the year 1320.

Tour of Cologne

ITT offers a trip to Cologne city and the chocolate museum July 31. Space is still available. Cost is \$39 for adults and \$34 for children, ages 3-12.

The bus departs Spangdahlem AB at 8:30 a.m. and the Bitburg Annex at 9 a.m. The bus returns to the Eifel region around 8 p.m. Call 452-6567 for reservations and details.

2nd Lt. Shannon Collins

The Cologne Cathedral, the largest of its kind in Germany, was completed in the Middle Ages and still towers over the city today. It is an impressive structure with its Gothic design and massive interior, with detailed craftsmanship an stonework throughout the structure.

The interior of the Cathedral no longer reveals any sign of the fact that 70 workmen were employed for 11 years, repairing the war damage. The Cathedral Treasury contains medieval codices; Romanesque, gothic and baroque goldsmith work; and precious ecclesiastical vestments and utensils. The oldest work of art there is the “Peter’s” Staff in antique ivory. It was no doubt originally a territorial symbol from the court of the Emperor Constantine in Trier.

In addition to the chocolate museum and the Cathedral, Cologne offers anything your heart desires, from excellent shopping opportunities to an international cuisine, museums, musicals, concerts, theaters and more.

Cologne is located 99 miles northeast of Spangdahlem Air Base and can be reached via A-60 from Bitburg within two hours traveling time. People should follow the signs to Koeln, the appropriate German name for the city, not Cologne.

Out and About

(Editor’s note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. For event tickets, call the Press-Center Trier at 06511-459930, the Trier Tourist Information Office at 06519-780822 or the Trier Ticket Service at 06519-941188, unless specified otherwise.)

- ♦ The town of Konz invites everyone to its annual town and wine festival today through Monday.
- ♦ The Valwig Riesling wine festival takes place today through Monday.
- ♦ Listen to Celtic music and see Celtic

- dances by the Rambling Rovers at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Trier Brunnenhof, located near the Porta Nigra.
- ♦ Visit the Schleich wine and street festival Saturday and Sunday.
- ♦ Enjoy wine sampling at the Enkirch vintners festival Saturday and Sunday.
- ♦ Enjoy the annual “Fest am Wald-rand,” an open-air festival, Saturday through Monday in Salmtal-Doerbach. The event features various locally well known bands such as Fairground and Simply Unplugged. They will perform rock and pop music to include music from the 80s. For more details, go to [www.medienfabrik-trier.de](http://www.medienfabrik-trier.de).
- ♦ Enjoy a concert by the Trier Polizei

- choir at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Trier Brunnenhof courtyard, located on Simeonstrasse 60.
- ♦ Participate in Kylltal Aktiv, a bicycling event, Sunday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. through the Kylltal valley. This event is similar to Happy Mosel. The roads will be blocked between the towns of Gerolstein and Malberg, giving bicyclers, inline skaters or marchers the chance to explore the area without any motorized vehicles in their way.
- ♦ Listen to a concert by the Radio-Brass-Connection at 9 p.m. July 24 at the inner courtyard of the Trier Kurfuerstliches Palais, or Emperial Palace, located near the famous Basilica.

Sports Briefs

Women’s softball

The Spangdahlem Women’s varsity softball team is signing up new players now until July 25. The softball team will compete in the 2004 USAFE Championships at Aviano AB, Italy. Swing into the base fitness center to sign up or call Mark Warner at 452-6634 for details.

Tour de France challenge

Earn points for every mile during the Tour de France challenge going on now at the base fitness center. Ride either indoors on a stationary bike or outdoors in the fresh air. Try one of the high-energy spinning classes and earn extra points at each class. Make it to the finish line and win prizes in this self-paced program. Call Mark Geairn at 452-6634 for more information.

Congratulations

The Bitburg Sportsfest Track and Field meet took place June 26 in Bitburg. The Spangdahlem Trackster’s results are as follows.

- ♦ **Bryon Grays** placed first in the shot put
- ♦ **Joshua Ramos** placed first in the 5k run, and **Greg McIntyre** placed second
- ♦ **Douglas Schmidt** placed first in the 100m, and **Edward Davis** placed second
- ♦ **Khalisha Savage** placed second in the women’s 3k run

The next track and field competition is July 24 in Heidelberg, Germany. Call Bryon Grays at 452-6339 for details on participating in the track and field events and practice times.

Scoreboard

The following is a list of the latest softball standings as of July 15.

Intramural softball

American League

Team	W	L
52 EMS A	8	1
52 CES A	7	3
52 SFS	7	2
52 MDG	7	3
52 LRS A	6	4
52 CMS	5	5
52 AMXS	5	5
52 OSS	3	5
52 MSS/FW	3	7
52 CS A	2	7
52 OG/22FS/23FS	0	10

National League

Team	W	L
852 MUNSS	10	0
52 EMS C	9	1
606 ACS	7	3
52 EMS D	6	4
52 CES C	6	6
81 FS	5	4
52 EMS B	5	7
DET 9 (AFN)	4	6
AAFES	2	7
52 CES B	2	10
52 CS	0	9

Women’s League

Team	W	L
52 AMXS	6	1
52 EMS	4	2
52 MDG	3	3
52 LRS	3	4
81 FS	0	6

Seattle Seahawks’ Sea Gal Colleen Murphy teaches a dance routine to girls from Spangdahlem Air Base during an Extreme Summer program hosted by the Sea Gals Tuesday in the base fitness center. Six of the 28 Sea Gals are traveling throughout Germany, holding dance clinics for children ages six to 18.

Three cheers!

Seattle Seahawks’ Sea Gals make dancing anything but routine for Spang youth

By Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura  
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The Seattle Seahawks’ Sea Gals hosted a cheerleading clinic Tuesday in conjunction with the Extreme Summer program and Armed Forces Entertainment at the Spangdahlem Air Base Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. The Sea Gals taught 41 girls, ages 6-18, cheers and stunts and talked at length about physical fitness and healthy activities.

“As a parent, I really liked the cheerleading clinic because it was different from the run of the mill summer programs,” said LeRoyce Bratsveen, 52nd Services Squadron and wife of Staff Sgt. Edwin Bratsveen, Detachment 9 Air Force News. “This summer has been awesome in terms of what has been offered for kids at Spangdahlem AB.”

Rachel Bratsveen, 8, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Dale and LeRoyce Bratsveen, stretches while listening to the Sea Gal instructors.

Sea Gal Tiffany Grosso leads the girls in a cheer.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Joshua E. Coleman

Murphy teaches the girls some warm-ups.